



Story of Service – Photo Guidance

What is a story of service? It's a story you write that demonstrates how you or your program impacted the lives of individuals in your community. It shows how you helped meet the needs of your community, making it a better place to be. It can also be about how your service has impacted your life and what national service means to you. A story of service is one that touches the heart and possibly inspires someone to act, serve, or be a catalyst for change themselves. It illustrates the qualitative impact of service and rounds out the story told by performance data.

You may submit a story of service at any time (Individual Placement members are expected to submit one each quarter of their service term, for a total of 4). Send your story of service with a photo of you wearing your AmeriCorps gear. If non-AmeriCorps members are featured in the photo, a photo release is required for each person. Download the photo release [here](#).

Send your story of service and photo to our office at wscmail@esd.wa.gov.

WSC is proud of the service provided by members and want to celebrate, acknowledge and publicize your efforts. Your stories and photos will be used to highlight your service to our stakeholders, legislators and the general public.

=====

Your story of service must include the information listed below:

- ✓ Your name
- ✓ Date
- ✓ Project Site Name
- ✓ City
- ✓ Site Supervisor Name
- ✓ WSC Program Coordinator Name
- ✓ WSC Program (Individual Placement, Teams, WRC-Reading Corps)
- ✓ Photo of you in your AmeriCorps gear. If others are featured in photo, attach photo release(s).

Suggestions on what to include in your story:

- Information on the individual(s) or community that you serve and general information about the service provided.
- Description of what you did, including specific assistance and services that were provided to individuals or a community.
- How your service affected the life of others or the impact on the community as a whole.
- Impact service has had on you personally.
- Challenges or obstacles that had to be overcome.
- Successes of your AmeriCorps project/actions.